GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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DIRECT TELEPHONE FACILITY
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whehther the Government have received any request to connect Mumbai with Palghar and Dahanu places of Thane district through direct telephone dialing facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided;

(c) whether the Government are committed to connect all places of a State with State Capital; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Direct dialling facility to Palghar & Dahanu from Mumbai cannot be extended as Palghar & Dahanu SDCAs are neither adjacent to Mumbai SDCA nor the radial distance between Palghar-Mumbai, Dahanu-Mumbai SDCCs is upto 50Kms.

(c) The information is given at Annexure-I

(d). Not applicable in view of (c) above.

ANNEXURE-I

(c) As per policy local calls (without STD Code) is allowed:-

(i) Within SDCA

(ii) When two Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) are adjacent

(iii) When the radial distance between the two Short Distance Charging Centres (SDCCs) of two SDCAs falling in the same o adjacent long distance charging areas (LDCAs) is upto 50 Kms.

(iv) When the radial distance between two Long Distance Charging Centres (LDCCs) of two non-adjacent LDCAs is upto 50Kms.

Local calls under category
(i) &
(ii) above, are allowed, irrespective of the distances involved.

The places of the State & State Capital which are covered underabove policy are allowed for direct dialing telephone facility (without STD Code).The places of the State & State Capital which are not covered under above policy can, however, normally have access through STD Code.